

PARSON CUTS RIBBON AT VETERANS CELEBRATION



ANDREW WEGLEY | NW MISSOURIAN

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson speaks at ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 11 for the opening of Northwest’s Veteran’s Commons at the Valk Center. The newly-finished area includes an exhibit curated by Northwest senior Natalie Coté examining the University’s involvement with veterans.

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Joined by several state military officials and a local representative, Missouri Gov. Mike Parson attended a Veteran’s Day ceremony in Northwest’s Valk Center Nov. 11. An exhibit detailing military experiences and the newly renovated Veterans Commons became the centerpiece for conversation and rotating speeches on the day of remembrance.

The exhibit, which earned a ribbon cutting ceremony at the hand of Parson, featured military experiences of students, faculty and staff, as well as artifacts from times of war and other military conflict.

“What a class act this University is. I’ve had the opportunity to be up here on several occa-

sions and look forward to coming back,” Parson said in his speech. “I appreciate what this University represents.”

Senior Natalie Coté, an emergency disaster management major, headed the research and presented the exhibit to state officials on Veteran’s Day. Coté’s extensive research and formation of the exhibit spanned six months, as she read hundreds of Northwest Missourian articles dating back to 1917, pulling photos from Tower yearbook archives.

“It may seem like a lot, but trust me when I say we could easily fill eight of those cases with how much information we compiled regarding the University’s extensive military history and involvement,” Coté said.

The exhibit features material organized the-

matically and by conflict, with photos pulled from Tower yearbook, B.D. Owens Library Archives and agricultural artifacts. Featured uniforms are on loan from Nodaway County historical society.

Walking through, one can see accounts of WWI, WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War before coming to information about ROTC and the Show-ME GOLD program. The exhibit concludes with military events post 9/11.

There was so much additional information that could have been included, Coté said, that new exhibits featuring different themes will be rotated in and out every few months; the exhibit will look different in the spring.

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City Council votes to extend mask mandate

Mayor votes no, but extension will last until Jan. 31

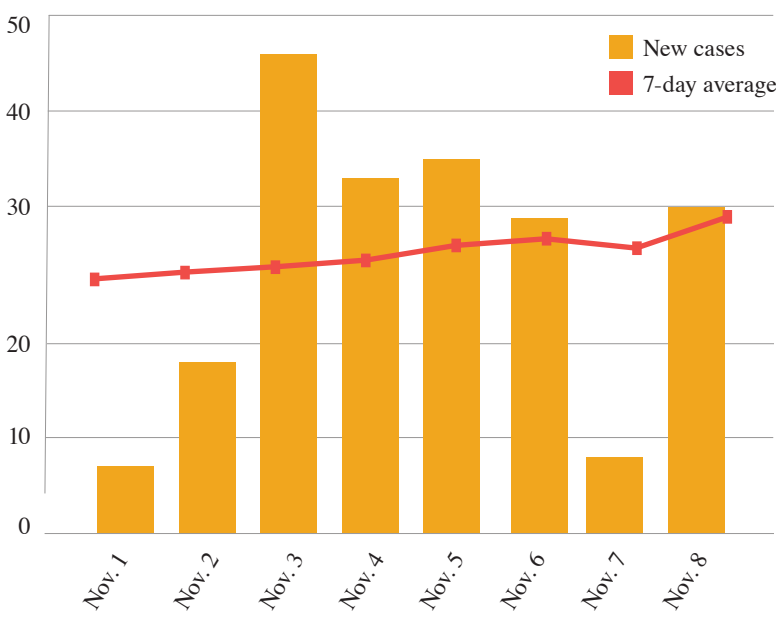
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As COVID-19 cases continue to spike both across Missouri and within Nodaway County, Maryville’s City Council voted 4-1 at its Nov. 9 meeting to extend the city’s mask ordinance through the end of January 2021.

Councilman Tye Parsons, who has been perhaps the most outspoken member of the Council on the COVID-19 front, moved to extend the mandate after City Manager Greg McDanel provided an update on the latest virus-related figures within Nodaway County and in neighboring Page County, Iowa.

In his monologue to the Council, McDanel noted the grim findings from the Nodaway County Health Department’s Nov. 7 COVID-19 press release, containing the latest available data at the time of publication. The department reported eight new virus cases in the county Nov. 7, bringing the total case count to 1,300 and the active case mark to 266. There are six cur-

NEW DAILY COVID-19 CASES IN THE COUNTY



rent virus-related hospitalizations in Nodaway County, where COVID-19 has killed 11 people, one more than it had last week.

The latest release from the Nodaway County Health Department pushed the county’s seven-day rolling average for new COVID-19 cases to 25.71. The active case count in the county hit 296 Nov. 6, the highest total since the pandem-

ic began. And, McDanel said in his update to the Council, the county’s 14-day positivity rate sits at 29.26% — more than five times higher than the 5% positivity benchmark for reopening set by the World Health Organization.

After reading off the latest COVID-19-related data points from around the county and in the Mosaic Life Care system, McDanel re-

minded the Council that the city’s mask ordinance, first passed in July and then extended in September, was set to expire Nov. 24, a date that coincides with the end of in-person classes at Northwest. McDanel said the health department, the University and Mosaic Medical Center-Maryville had all expressed support for another extension of the ordinance.

“In light of that information, and with some other information that we have, Mr. Mayor, I move to extend the current face covering ordinance ... to be in effect through 11:59 p.m. Jan. 31, 2021,” Parsons said after McDanel finished his report on the virus.

The motion was quickly seconded by Councilwoman Rachael Martin, who served as mayor before Ben Lipiec took over in June. After no further discussion, the Council voted on the extension, with Parsons, Martin and Councilmen Matt Johnson and Jason McDowel voting “yes.” Lipiec, one of two councilmen to vote against the last extension of the ordinance in September, was the only member of the council to oppose the extension this time around, offering no explanation for his “no” vote in discussion.

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Local victims share stories after fleeing from abusers

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The following are two accounts from victims of abuse and domestic violence, which may contain triggers for those who have experienced similar atrocities. Their stories of survival and battling stigmas include first names only for the safety of their families. Both victims sought help and received resources at the North Star Advocacy Center. The victims spoke to various media entities about their experiences:

Pam left her husband on Easter Sunday, a day she said is supposed to be about unity and not division. Her faith, though, helped reality become clear. That division wasn’t her doing; it was another’s. It was close to nine years of abuse and violence, the repeated threats and fight-or-flight situations that left her empty.

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Senate grapples with extra funds

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With COVID-19 halting all student organizations from traveling and preventing many groups from meeting in person, the primary function of Northwest’s Student Senate has been stunted, but the group’s leadership has tried to be creative in getting its funds to students.

Student Senate had rollover funds from the previous two school years already as it headed into the 2019-20 school year, and the onset of the coronavirus in March closing campus prematurely created more rollover funds.

Funds — which are granted through a 50 cents per credit hour cocurricular fee for all students — that are not spent by Student Senate’s various committees throughout the year rollover to the next year and make up a separate budget category known as the University Improvement Budget.

In the past, this budget has been used to upgrade the International Flag Plaza, install a bus shelter on the north end of campus for the Safe Ride Home shuttle program and make upgrades to the J.W. Jones Student Union through new paint, carpet and furniture.

At the Oct. 22 Board of Regents Meeting, Student Senate President Kirayle Jones briefed the Board on the rollover funds and said the University Improvement Committee is working to purchase a net to cover



MADI GLASS | NW MISSOURIAN

Student Senate President senior Kirayle Jones stands before the Senate as they met Nov. 10 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom after taking a week off from its regular meeting. Student Senate had rollover funds from the last three years, but only three appropriation requests have been made this year.

the parking lot on campus adjacent to the baseball field to prevent baseballs from damaging cars.

Excluding the University Improvement Committee, which only exists as an ad hoc committee when rollover funds exist, the Organizational Finance Committee is the biggest money-giving arm of Stu-

dent Senate.

The committee has the ability to officially recognize new student organizations, but it also provides student organizations appropriations, co-sponsorships and charitable donations if requested.

In the last two years, the committee’s primary goal has been to

establish much more frequent communication with student organizations and give more appropriations to organizations that need funds. In the 2018-19 school year, Student Senate granted so many appropriations that it voted to move more money into the appropriations budget partway through the spring

2019 semester.

With COVID-19 interrupting the end of the spring 2020 semester and the beginning of the fall 2020 semester, some of that momentum was lost. Appropriations are most often granted to organizations seeking assistance with travel expenses, but with the University blocking all travel, none of those appropriation requests could come in.

Organizational Finance Committee Chair Chloe Kallhoff said the committee, which started the year with a \$30,000 budget, has taken a different approach to reaching out to organizations since in-person meetings are often not possible.

Although the committee has reached out to organizations through Zoom, email and social media, only three appropriation requests have been made so far this semester. In spite of the challenges, Kallhoff said her committee has been working hard to get funding to students.

“(We’ve been) trying to maintain a sense of normalcy,” Kallhoff said in an email to the Missourian. “In years past, we have been very critical of organizations’ budgets and plans. This year, we are approaching applications with a more open mind and trying to help organizations lead a successful year. We understand that fundraising is a challenge this year, more than most, and we are taking that into consideration.”

Former minor leaguers speaks on campus



ADDALYNN BRADBURY | NW MISSOURIAN

Student Activities Council guest speaker Chris Singleton shares his story about the tragic loss of his mother Nov. 5 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Singleton is a former professional baseball player for the Chicago Cubs.

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Former minor league baseball player Chris Singleton has been on a journey of inspiration since 2015. The 24-year-old 2017 Chicago Cubs recruit shared his story in the latest edition of SAC Speaks Nov. 5.

SAC Speaks is a series of speakers who come to campus with a message for students and staff alike. Singleton’s speech was on the topic of white supremacy and race issues that happen today. The solution, he said, relies on loving everyone, no matter how different, and forgiving those who have done bad things to people.

Traveling to more than 40 states, he is now an inspirational speaker. Meeting with professional sports teams like the New York Yankees and big corporations like Microsoft, he preaches the message of love and forgiveness battling hate.

To illustrate his message, Singleton shared about the day his mother was shot and killed by a white supremacist in a church in Charleston, South Carolina.

“Mom is everything to me and then some,” Singleton said. “This can’t be the same mom getting her doctorate degree. No way.”

Singleton said that he was lucky to not know who the coroner was, because when they came up to talk to him, he didn’t fully comprehend what was happening. He said the coroner started asking for details

about his mom.

Singleton said he didn’t know why they would ask for details if she was alive, but then thought maybe they just needed help finding out who is who. After talking with Singleton, the coroner said that he believed Singleton’s mom was shot.

“I thought, ‘Well maybe she just shot in the hand,’” Singleton said.

He then talked about how he was describing his mom, when the coroner asked if there was anything specific about his mom.

“‘She is going to kill me if she is alive, but there’s a tattoo on her ankle,’” Singleton said.

The coroner left, and his family began to show up. His girlfriend, now wife, his brother and his sister were all there. Together, they were told it was confirmed — his mom was shot and killed.

Singleton said one of the hardest things he had to do was tell his younger siblings “Mom is gone.” Without his mom, Singleton said he would not have become a speaker or the person he is today.

More than 50 spread out students, faculty and staff sat attentively in their chairs as he transitioned from a personal story to one directed at the audience.

Singleton talked about the first time a white person said “I love you” to him.

“If no one of the opposite color has ever said those words to you, let me be the first,” Singleton said. “I love each and every one of you.”

After that, he began to talk about a saying that changed his life, as well as one that he said didn’t really help him.

He said he hated when someone said “Play the cards you’re dealt.”

“It’s easy for someone with the easy cards,” Singleton said.

Singleton said he found something that changed his life forever. It’s the 90%-10% rule. 90% you, yourself can control, and 10% you can’t control.

“My 10% is my mom and dad dying,” Singleton said. “My 10% is my dad dying from alcohol abuse, but my 90% is telling my wife and siblings that I will never abuse drugs or alcohol.”

Singleton said he believes his message is about teaching, and that it’s a mission to find out why someone feels the way they do. Singleton’s final story was when he lived in a free retirement community.

“Free was my friend, so I took it,” Singleton said.

When he was living there, he would interview the residents. One day, he interviewed a woman he called “Grandma G.” In the interview, she showed Singleton her twin grandchildren, one was Black and one was white. Grandma G said she called them “chocolate and vanilla ice cream.”

Singleton said he asked her why she would call them that. He said her response was “Even though they’re different on the outside, they’re still sweet on the inside.”

Singleton said that’s when he discovered something great.

“When we celebrate instead of condemning, that’s how we come together,” Singleton said.

In his closing remarks, Singleton said that he lives his life by the 90%-10% rule. He said that telling his story is harder some days, but that this is like therapy to him.

Northwest Junior Elizabeth Hastings said she learned from Singleton to make the most of her life because you never know how long you have or when it will change.

“What I took away from the presentation was that you never know when someone is going to die in your life and then you are going to have the responsibilities of taking care of things they had or even your brothers or sisters,” Hastings said.

Sydnie Platt, SAC’s director of lecture programming, said they were able to contact Singleton after the current president and director of Northwest Traditions had gone to a conference where they heard Singleton speak.

Platt said they hoped he would have a strong message about overcoming adversity and how powerful forgiveness is.

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UPD looks into student’s Facebook post

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A student posted on their Facebook page that it was “Time to go ammo shopping” with an image of Pennsylvania’s county presidential election votes at about 9 a.m. Nov. 6.

Jasper Logan, president of Northwest College Republicans, has since deleted the original post. The University Police Department Chief Clarence Green said UPD looked into the Facebook post once the department started receiving calls around 9 a.m. Following an evaluation, UPD tweeted that there is no current threat to the campus community.

“We started receiving calls and posts in reference to this, and so at that time we did evaluate the situation, contacted the parties involved and determined that we didn’t have a threat to our campus and community at that time,” Green said.

Green explained that UPD contacted Logan, asking a series of questions to verify if he was a threat to himself or others. He said the department also asked Logan if he was in possession of any weapons.

In a message to the Northwest Missourian, Logan said he did not have any weapons or ammunition on campus and would never consider harming anyone.

He also said that UPD took into

consideration what wording was used in the post for their evaluation.

“There is a holistic approach to evaluating whether we have a threat or not,” Green said.

Prior to UPD’s tweet, Logan had deleted the original Facebook post made another post stating, “Whatever snowflake thought my joke about ammo prices going up was some kind of threat, please delete yourself from my facebook.”

Logan continued to explain that he never had any intention of hurting anyone. He was simply referencing that gun prices would rise if former Vice President Joe Biden wins the presidential election, as Biden now leads Trump in key states, including Pennsylvania and Georgia.

By 12:23 p.m. this post received 19 likes and six comments in support of Logan and the misunderstanding.

“The post was nothing more than a joke about the possible impact of the election on ammunition prices, which was unfortunately taken out of context and misinterpreted,” Logan said.

Logan noted that he spoke with UPD and that the situation has been resolved.

Green said UPD does not have a reason to believe the situation will escalate, but the department will look out for any further social media posts and calls.



GABI BROOKS | FILE
A Missourian file photo of Jasper Logan, the president of Northwest College Republicans, drawing the winner of the 80% AR-15 lower receiver raffle out of a Make America Great Again hat at a Nov. 4, 2019, meeting. UPD investigated a Facebook post Logan made Nov. 6 but found no threat to campus safety.

Political parties feud after Missouri voters pass Amendment 3

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Missouri voters approved to pass Amendment 3 by roughly 51% Nov. 3. What this means for Missouri voters, according to ballot language, is that the drawing of districts return to bipartisan commissions, bans gifts from lobbyists and lowers amounts made to campaign contributions. Political leaders on campus explain what this means for Republicans and Democrats in the state of Missouri.

According to ballotpedia.org, in 2018, about 62% of Missouri voters passed Amendment 1, also known as “Clean Missouri,” which lowered the price of gifts from lobbyists to legislators to \$5 or less and limited campaign contributions for state senators to \$2,000 and state representatives to \$2,500. Amendment 1 also changed redistricting so that a nonpartisan party drew the lines for districts.

Missourians voted on similar topics Nov. 3, reversing what they voted for in 2018 regarding redistricting guidelines.

Northwest College Republicans President Jasper Logan said the changes made to the redrawing of district lines in Missouri include moving the power of drawing the lines from a nonpartisan party to a bipartisan committee of 10 Republicans and 10 Democrats.

“All viewpoints will have equal representation,” Logan said.

According to ballotpedia.org, Gov. Mike Parson appoints the committee for redistricting.

According to legislation copy for Amendment 3, redistricting has guidelines to address population in districts when the lines are redrawn, including a limit as to how much of a population is drawn into each district.

This section explains when drawing up districts, the population in that district should not deviate from roughly 1% of the population that was appropriated in the past, but can deviate up to 3% if necessary.

College Democrats President

Tyler Bears said he voted “no” on Amendment 3.

“It’s a political ploy essentially. ... It gives republicans a lot of control,” Bears said.

He explained that it is going to be a lot harder for Democrats to win because of the bipartisan redistricting rules. Logan said when he saw Amendment 3 passed, he was very surprised.

He noted that on Oct. 17 he saw a poll had been put out by Remington Research that showed that Amendment 3 had only 28% support from Missouri voters.

“That was a big surprise,” Logan said. “The other side had a thousand times more money than we did. ... I don’t think anybody thought we could pull this off.”

Bears said he spoke to several College Democrats who said that they voted “yes” on Amendment 3 but did not fully understand it.

Bears explained that when he saw Amendment 3 had passed, he was disappointed because of the struggle Democrats will face when trying to compete with Republicans in Missouri to get anything done for their ideologies.

“I think it was a lack of warning about exactly what Amendment 3 was,” Bears said.

Bears attributed this “lack of warning” as part of the reason Amendment 3 passed.

Logan had also mentioned in a previous Northwest Missourian article that if Amendment 3 did not



GRACE ELROD | NW MISSOURIAN
Missouri Amendment 3 was introduced as Senate Joint Resolution 38 Jan. 8. Missouri voters passed Amendment by nearly 51% Nov. 3.

pass, it could lead to Maryville being redistricted into the same district as St. Joseph, Missouri, or even Kansas City, Missouri.

Logan explained if Maryville were redistricted in with larger communities like St. Joseph or Kansas City, then Maryville would have representatives that are not familiar with Maryville and other rural communities’ needs.

“I think this is a very good thing for our state,” Logan said. “It’s going to protect rural representation especially, but also local representation all over the state.”

Bears thought the opposite of

Logan about the new redistricting process.

“It’s essentially gerrymandering, but on steroids for Missouri,” Bears said.

Bears said that Amendment 3 will allow incumbents to maintain their seats in office and give lobbyists more power in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Missouri First District Rep. Allen Andrews, R-Mo., and Missouri Sen. Dan Hegeman, R-Mo., who both supported Amendment 3, were contacted, but neither responded before publication.

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Northwest Missouri State University

- Nov. 8**

There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at Hudson Hall.
- Nov. 6**

There was a closed investigation for a liquor law violation at South Complex.
- Nov. 5**

There is an open investigation for stealing at Lot 62.
- Nov. 3**

There is an open investigation for stealing at Lot 10.
- Nov. 2**

There is an open investigation for stealing at Lot 41.

Maryville Department of Public Safety

- Nov. 5**

A summons was issued to **Holly E. Carlson**, 41, for having a dog at large on the 800 block of East Jenkins Street.
- Nov. 3**

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny on the 100 block of East Grant Street.
- Nov. 1**

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage on the 200 block of West 12th Street.
A summons was issued to **Austin L. Matthews**, 21, of St. Joseph, Missouri and **Alvion L. Page**, 20, of St. Joseph, Missouri, for possession of marijuana on the 300 block of South Main Street.

COUNCIL

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After the public portion of the Council meeting ended, in a break before the executive session began, Lipiec said he was personally comfortable with leaving the decision to wear a face covering up to each individual citizen.

“I speak for, I guess, the other half of — or, the part of the public that’s agai— I don’t want to say against, but is ready to have the mask ordinance go back to the people,” Lipiec said. “I’ve spoken to different people, different emails we’ve received, you know, people are saying, ‘Let it be the person’s decision; don’t make the decision for me.’ And so, I’ve stood by that for the last two votes and will continue to stand by the fact that I think it needs to go back to the people.”

Parsons, who expressed concern in late October as the city grudgingly hosted the annual Downtown Trick-or-Treat event, and who voted against the Council’s decision to block off city streets for the event, has remained steadfast in his emphasis on public health.

Parsons serves as the grants coordinator at Northwest, where there were 97 active COVID-19 cases among student and staff populations Nov. 7, down slightly from 119 active cases Nov. 6. The University’s active case load dropped into the single digits in early October before spiking again as the month dragged on. Parsons said the growing case count, coupled with the increase in indoor gatherings set to accompany the winter months, prompted him to move to extend the mandate.

“With our rates going up, we’re heading into cold weather and we’re heading into the holiday season, it just really seemed like the right thing to do,” Parsons said after the meeting. “It’s not the right time to pull back on the mask mandate right now. We really need to be diligent. Our health providers in the community — the hospital, the health department — are say-



ANDREW WEGLEY | NW MISSOURIAN
Maryville Mayor Ben Lipiec gazes down at the papers in front of him during Maryville’s City Council meeting Nov. 6. Lipiec was the only councilperson who voted against the extension of the city’s mask ordinance.

ing, ‘Please continue this.’ And I think as public officials, we need to listen to what they say because they’re the experts.”

While face covering mandate compliance seems to be slipping throughout the community, Parsons said he hopes extending the ordinance can help maintain compliance rates of 70-80%. The councilman addressed concerns with Maryville Public Safety’s enforcement of the mandate, echoing sentiments often expressed by McDanel, noting that MPS first aims to educate residents who violate the ordinance in an effort to gain compliance.

But Parsons said MPS may soon begin enforcing the mandate with fines, which can cost up to \$100 for private residents and \$250 for businesses found noncompliant with the ordinance. It’s been more than three months since the Council first passed the ordinance in July. Parsons said residents should be aware of what the mandate requires by now, though he did not provide a definitive timeline for when the mandate might be enforced via fines.

“It remains to be seen,” Parsons

said. “But I wouldn’t be surprised if we’re getting close to that.”

Council welcomes Vintage Estates to Maryville, passes three ordinances related to project’s development

After discussing COVID-19 and voting to extend the face covering mandate in a process that look less than six minutes, the Council spent a significant portion of its meeting — more than 20 minutes — examining and voting on a set of ordinances related to Vintage Estates, a cooperative housing alternative expanding in Maryville for residents 55 or older.

The Council approved three action items related to the cooperative housing community, which Harvest Investments LLC officials have been working to bring into Maryville for close to a year. Voting unanimously, the Council passed an ordinance to approve the Planned United Development for the Estates, which will be built north of College Avenue and west of Icon Road in Maryville.

The Council also voted to rezone the property, which sits in the area between Donaldson Park and the Maryville Country Club, repurposing the property from an Agricultural Zone to a Multi-Family Residence Zone and Restricted Business District, allowing Harvest Investments to build the Estates there. And the Council approved an ordinance to execute a development agreement with Harvest Investments, in which the city will pay and reimburse up to \$200,000 to the developer for the installation of 2,400 linear feet of new sanitary sewer service, McDanel said.

“That \$200,000 payment will be made out of the city’s water/sewer fund, which includes, this year, \$400,000 for infrastructure related to economic development,” McDanel told the Council. “With that, the only other thing we should probably mention is that the Planning and Zoning Commission met on Oct. 14 and they actually recommended approval on all three of these items.”

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After Coté spoke, several others followed, all pushing the message of accomplishments and reflection.

Northwest’s Missouri Show-ME GOLD officer in charge, Captain Joshua Wilmes, spoke of the opportunities for students to serve, and the skills it provides them. His program, composed of 48 students, is the largest in the state.

President of the Student Veterans Association at Northwest, TJ Goldizen, spoke about how he helped to form the organization as an outlet for veterans and other students on campus. He said he was astounded at everything the University was doing for Veteran’s day.

Goldizen said after the event that he is trying to begin a scholarship for student veterans.

“This day isn’t just about myself or these people here,” Goldizen said. “Many, many people have served across the globe and it affects countless people related to them.”

Parson reflected the same idea to those in attendance, reiterating the importance of past hardships for today’s freedoms.



ANDREW WEGLEY | NW MISSOURIAN
Northwest President John Jasinski speaks to the crowd on Veterans Day before the ribbon cutting at Veterans Common Nov. 11.

“It’s much more important than just those soldiers. It’s about wives, it’s about husbands, it’s about spouses, it’s about children, mothers and fathers, grandparents that all lived through the life of a soldier,” Parson said. “That’s what, truly, veterans are about.”

The top floor of Valk Center, now Veteran Commons, aims to allow for a space where veterans can comfortably study, network and interact with Missouri GOLD personnel and students. That same

space now houses the rotating military exhibit.

Before other notable members in attendance, including Major General Levon Cumpton and Missouri First District Representative Allen Andrews, Jasinski touted accomplishments of the University.

Jaskinski said Parson’s tenure as governor, focused on infrastructure improvement and workforce development, has benefited Northwest improvements on campus through campus improvements. Of these,

Jaskinski mentioned the Agricultural Learning Center, which took hold of state grants for the \$11.4 million project.

To this end, Parson told the Missourian the state was attempting to restore most of the core cuts of state-wide university funding prior to the COVID-19 pandemic

“We funded K-12 at the highest level it had ever been funded in our state’s history prior to the pandemic. And the universities had some poor cuts that we were trying to rebuild then, and then the pandemic hit,” Parson said.

“We’ve been able to release some of that money again, once al-

ready. We’ll look at it again in December ... I have to make sure that we give (Universities) the resources they need to be able to get these young men and women out there into the workforce. So that’s a priority.”

Along with the ceremony in Valk, Northwest held events in the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Nov. 5, including a ruck pack march, push-up and pull-up contests, a water jug relay, soldier attire, military vehicles and photo opportunities.

“What a great way to showcase your support of veterans out here at the University,” Parson said.

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Cries for unity came from hyper partisans



On the morning of Nov. 3, I noticed something I didn’t quite expect on my social media. I expected a multitude of photos featuring “I Voted” stickers to populate my timeline. I expected to see people doing some last-minute campaigning for the candidate they were voting for. I saw some already crying voter fraud with no evidence, but what I didn’t expect to see was a message about civility. The message was almost the same every time I encountered it. The words “We are all in this together,” and “Respect your neighbor,” thrown heavily into the message. It was trying to preach civility and unity amid the “deep divide” in this country.

Many of them were very outspoken in their MAGA ideals and very proud of President Donald Trump. While I respect the attempt and believe that civility and neighborly actions are important in our everyday life, I have just one question: Where was your civility the past year?

Where was your civility when George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and many other Black men and women were senselessly murdered at the hands of police officers? It must have been somewhere else as you scoured the internet looking for a “good” reason why they had to be killed.

Civility must have taken a day or days or weeks or months off as you refused to wear a mask to protect others. Sure, scientists and medical experts have more than proven that masks are effective and protect others, but they are kind of uncomfortable, so who cares? The hundreds of thousands of Americans that lost their lives because of COVID-19 must not have been your neighbors.

Civility must have been lost in its imagination when Trump ordered protesters in Washington D.C. to be tear-gassed and dispersed. It was done so Trump could take a photo holding a book that he most certainly doesn’t believe in or follow in front of a church.

Civility must have gone to bed early the night of the first presidential debate. The president refused to condemn white supremacy, told a white supremacist group to “stand back and stand by” and went after the dead son of President-elect Joe Biden in order to distract Biden.

You defended Trump’s actions with voracity and suggested those who were disgusted by his remarks were liberal snowflakes or part of the deep state.

The president has spent months claiming everyone is against him. Secret enemies crouching behind every corner attempting to tarnish his righteousness, and you were in stride with him.

No, I do not believe all conservatives or Republicans acted like this. However, we noticed that many of you did. You continued to gaslight and argue as your position became more and more indefensible. So excuse me for not believing that you actually mean the words you shared on Facebook; the last 12 months show evidence to the contrary.

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OUR VIEW: COVID-19 fatigue causing Nodaway County to suffer

Election Day has come and gone, and COVID-19 is still here. Northwest is nearing the end of its first semester, and cases on campus are spiking again. Missouri and Maryville are seeing drastic rises in COVID-19.

The virus doesn’t just disappear because we have grown tired of it. Now is not the time to fall into COVID-19 fatigue, because the more lackadaisical we become with safety guidelines, the more prolonged the pandemic becomes.

Looking back on photos, videos and events prior to the third month of 2020 seem like a glimpse into a different society altogether. Thousands packed shoulder to shoulder in arenas without care. Classes were filled with students, and to most of us, Zoom didn’t exist. It was blissful, and all of us are yearning to return to that, but we can’t because people won’t follow the rules.

All summer long, we heard about flattening the curve and the impending second wave. Still, many lived carefree lives ensuring us that once again normalcy would happen despite their actions.

We didn’t think the coronavirus would disrupt the whole summer. It did. We didn’t think it would last into the first semester. It has. There was going to be a vaccine by Election Day. There wasn’t. And now we are staring at the summer of 2021 for a possible vaccine and

hopefully an end to this dreadful “new normal” that we live in.

The simple fact is that Maryville and Missouri as a whole are doing poorly at managing the pandemic. Nodaway County has almost 270 active positive cases and 70 hospitalizations from COVID-19, according to the Nodaway County Health Department. As of Nov. 8, cases in Missouri were up 87% over the last 14 days and hospitalizations were up 26%, according to the New York Times.

While Maryville has a mask mandate, which the City Council just extended through January, it’s not being enforced. There have been no citations issued for violation of the ordinance to this point. Gov. Mike Parson, who has refused to do much of anything on a state level as far as COVID-19 safety protocols, was just overwhelmingly reelected. Do people not realize that if we continue down the path we are going now we only have to suffer longer?

The more COVID-19 is present in our society, the worse it is for all of us. The economy will continue to be in the toilet. Small businesses will be hit the hardest. Oh, and people will continue to die because of frivolous objections to guidelines based purely on scientific fact.

It doesn’t have to be this way either; some countries were on top of the pandemic from the start. New Zealand

— which is obviously different from the U.S. but still a good example of how COVID-19 guidelines work when followed — a place where people actually listen to reason, has had a remarkable time with COVID-19. The country’s graph of cases looks like what experts told us would happen if we listened to them back in March. They have had few deaths and a low transmission rate and listened to scientists.

Want to watch your kids play sports in person, in a crowd without fear of having to quarantine for weeks later? Wear a mask. Want to eat out with friends without needing to remember to bring a mask, before July? Stop throwing house parties, now. Want to visit your grandparents without fear you could possibly kill them? Limit your exposure to others.

We don’t get to stop following traffic laws because we get tired of them. Restaurants can’t start selling alcohol to minors because they will make more money without fear of repercussions.

COVID-19 is still here, and the more people act like guidelines don’t need to be followed because of COVID-19 fatigue, the longer it will last. People are dying, so no, you don’t get to grow tired of wearing a mask and social distancing. Listen to experts and follow guidelines. It’s better for everyone.

YOUR VIEW: Do you believe COVID-19 fatigue has set in?

MICHAEL TODD Freshman Social Studies



“Yeah, I think they are, and it’s ridiculous that there is because of how dangerous it is, but I get it because it’s been going on for months, and it has just kind of hit here a lot.”

JULIA SWANSON Senior Music Education



“Yeah, we’d rather not, but also I think we’re still happy to do it at least ‘cause we’re keeping ourselves safe.”

ROSIE STONE Freshman Undecided



“Yeah, I do, for sure.”

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat loves bumper stickers

I spend a lot of time in my car. Most of the decent things in Maryville are firmly out of walking distance, so I hop in the decade-old sedan and go for a jaunt. I also try and visit my parents, who are hundreds of miles away, rather frequently. They pay for my tuition and have supported me for my entire life, so driving home to mooch off of them for a few days seems like a proper repayment. One thing that brings me joy every time I go for a drive is seeing your bumper

stickers and other car accessories. I bet some of you were driving around prior to Nov. 3 unsure of who to vote for and just waiting for a sign from the heavens. Well have no fear, a cheap Biden or Trump sticker on the back of a Chevy Cavalier is here. I think there should be more bumper stickers on vehicles. I’m tired of trying to figure out whether the lady that cut me off in traffic and then flipped me off believes we should all coexist. That’s why coexist stickers exist.

What movies do people like? What are their initials? How many children do they have and is there also a pet in the mix? These are all questions that are left unanswered on naked, bumper stickerless cars. The most pressing question that haunts me in traffic is whether or not the driver of the lifted truck in front of me is racist. I hear many of you are pressed about this “stereotype,” but fear no more; I have an answer. If they have a Confederate flag sticker

they are, in fact, racist. They are doubly racist if they have an actual Confederate flag attached to their truck. You see, without these valuable little adhesive signs, we would never know some of the most mundane things about complete strangers. Bumper stickers may make your car ugly, but they make my life better. The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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Senior Whitnee Ice stands outside Nov. 10 near the B. D. Owens Library. Ice is double majoring in communication rhetoric and interpersonal communication.

Timeline of Whitnee Ice's significant events

MARCH 11, 1998

Whitnee was born in Effingham, Illinois, with a dislocated hip and feeding issues.

FEBRUARY 1999

Whitnee was hospitalized due to illness at 11-months-old.

2012

Whitnee was diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome.

2013

Whitnee begins Total Parenteral Nutrition.

2014

Whitnee was hospitalized due to a Port infection and gradually stops Total Parenteral Nutrition.

2014

Whitnee celebrates her sixteenth birthday.

2016

Whitnee graduates from high school.

2016

Whitnee attends her first semester at Northwest. She broke three bones in her feet. The injuries led to the discovery of seizures caused by her body's inability to control adrenaline levels.

NOVEMBER 2020

Whitnee graduated from Northwest with a double major in Communication Rhetoric and Interpersonal Communication.

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Senior Whitnee Ice conquers her goals despite a life-threatening condition

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Whitnee Ice's life has been defined by goals since she was in adolescence. At just 22 years old, Ice, a senior at Northwest, said she's already accomplished a lot. This month she'll be graduating with two degrees: communication rhetoric and interpersonal communication. Ice wasn't even sure she'd graduate high school.

Her mother described her as a "determined child" who fears almost nothing and loves new adventures. An adrenaline junkie at heart, Ice enjoys riding roller coasters and being her dad's copilot in the air.

"A lot of people think I don't take risks, but I love to feel that rush," Ice said.

Ice was born on March 11, 1998, after her mother was induced early due to heart problems related to her pregnancy. Ice had a dislocated hip at birth. She fell ill at 11 months old and was hospitalized for a period of time.

She lived out most of her childhood being treated like she was different, though no one knew what it was that made her different. Ice struggled with asthma most of her childhood and had a bevvvy of health problems in eighth grade. A year later, she was hospitalized with a bowel obstruction caused by Superior Mesenteric Artery syndrome, which she initially thought was the flu.

After many blood tests and the Beighton flexibility test, Ice was diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome at 14 years old.

Ehlers-Danlos syndrome is a group of inherited disorders that affect a patient's connective tissues, including their skin, joints, organs and blood vessel walls. Connective tissue is a complex mixture of proteins and other substances that provide strength and elasticity to the underlying structures in your body. One of these proteins is collagen: a protein that provides structure to much of the body — including your bones, skin, tendons and ligaments — and a protein that Ice lacks.

Ice's high score on the Beighton flexibility test led to her diagnosis.

Those who have Ehlers-Danlos are often very flexible due to the lack of collagen in their bodies. It is estimated that Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome affects around 1 in 30,000 people in the world, most of whom don't live past the age of 40.

The FDA didn't recognize the syndrome until 1998, the year Ice was born. This made it one of the last possibilities her doctors explored due to the many unknowns surrounding it.

Following Ice's diagnosis, she was connected to a team of specialists from neurologists to gastroenterologists. While she now knew where her health problems originated from, Ice didn't realize the severity of her diagnosis. Her life expectancy was now unknown.

"I remember the cardiologist looking at me and asking me if I understood what this meant, and I said 'yeah' because I was meeting all these doctors," Ice said. "But he was the first person to say 'life-threatening,' and that was scary."

Ice was forced to quit athletic activities, begin schooling out of her home and set goals for her life expectancy. She and her family set the goal of making it to her Sweet 16, just two years away.

A year later, Ice was put on total parenteral nutrition, meaning Ice could no longer consume food by mouth due to gastrointestinal issues. TPN is a method of feeding that bypasses the gastrointestinal tract. She was given nutrients through a vein via what's called a picc line, a vascular access device. Because Ice had allergies to some of the medications used in surgery, she was awake for the operation that installed her picc line.

"It's odd making eye contact with your surgeon while he's getting ready to work on your body," Ice said. She often laughed and made jokes about her situation.

Ice was on TPN for eight months. She was sent seven "meals" in bags that had to be refrigerated. She was fed once a day with the help of her parents. Ice's two brothers would go upstairs to play together while her parents put on masks, gloves and sanitized the kitchen. The family would then wait for the bag to

reach room temperature before administering the food through the picc line. It would take up to two hours for the bag to be prepared and nearly all day to be emptied.

"I missed Christmas dinner, Thanksgiving, Halloween, my birthday," Ice said. "I never realized how much Americans base their holidays around food until TPN."

One day, the family was in a hurry and Ice's father wrapped the bag in a warm towel. This warmed the bag too quickly so it was no longer usable. Ice had to wait 24 hours for the next bag.

Ice then tried an ounce of water a day. Then suckers just for flavor. She described it as "amazing" to taste again. Then came mashed potatoes. It took several months working back up to solid foods. Six years later, Ice still maintains a diet with restrictions.



It's odd making eye contact with your surgeon while he's getting ready to work on your body."

- WHITNEE ICE

Just a few days before her 16th birthday, Ice's port got infected after a similar complication with her picc line the previous fall. Fortunately, Ice made it to her birthday with the help of her doctors. She then decided it was best to set a goal not associated with her age.

"That felt like putting a time limit on God's abilities," Ice said.

Ice decided her next goal would be to graduate from high school. While doctors encouraged her to pursue life in moderation, she kept up with her studies and achieved academic success. When Ice graduated high school in 2016, her whole family attended in support.

"There were lots of tears. I felt better knowing," Ice said, before

pausing. "If something happened to me, my mom had my diploma."

Before she graduated, Ice's high school counselor suggested she attend a college visit to Northwest with the rest of her class. Ice remembers the cold and the rain, but she also recalled how happy everyone looked to be there. She and her family decided she could try one semester of college.

In a message to the Northwest Missourian, Ice's mother Pam recalled driving to Maryville to help her daughter move into her dorm room. Ice became ill on the way but was determined to make it.

"Her dad and I looked at each other and said we hope she can make it at least one semester to have the college experience," Pam Ice said. "She proved us wrong."

During her first semester, Ice

broke three bones in her feet after falling in her dorm room. After a month of neurology, blood and heart tests, her doctors realized her adrenal gland was causing her to have seizures due to her body's inability to control adrenaline levels. They had also caused a malformation of her hippocampus -- the area of the brain responsible for learning and memory -- leading to a memory loss diagnosis. While she'd been in a wheelchair on and off since her diagnosis, having both feet immobilized from the fall caused her to get a motorized wheelchair.

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Maryville senior running back Connor Weiss runs down the field to score the first touchdown of the game against Cameron Nov. 6 at the ‘Hound Pound. The Spoofhounds defeated Cameron 41-13 to advance to the district championship against Richmond on Nov. 13.

Football runs all over Dragons in district semis

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It’s been said that history has a way of repeating itself, and that déjà vu moment arose on Nov. 6 when the No. 3-seed-



ed Cameron Dragons traveled to Maryville for the Class 3 District 8 semifinal. Maryville (8-3) had its second meeting with Cameron (7-4) of the season, coming out victorious by a score of 41-13.

Like the first meeting between the two teams on Sept. 25, the Spoofhounds secured a win. Maryville senior running back Connor Weiss tallied three rushing touchdowns in the first meeting between the two programs. He did it

again this time around. “The line opens up holes and me just running,” Weiss said on how he finds success against Cameron. “They do their part, and I do my part. We just click as a team.” Weiss’s first touchdown came with three minutes remaining in the first quarter. Tied at zero, Weiss took the handoff in motion, and was untouched for 68 yards due to two crucial pancake blocks courtesy of senior offensive lineman Jackson Ozanne. “The play we were running was sweep right, and I’m the backside guard on that. I come around and I see that guy — and I know Connor is going to be right behind me — so I go and hit the first guy,” Ozanne said. “I see the second guy out by the sideline, and I know if I can somehow get there before he gets to Connor, it’s going to be a touchdown.” Having a trusted lineman who can get to their blocks quickly and bulldoze over opponents is a beautiful sight, Weiss said. “Oh, It’s awesome. Whenever you see a blowup (block) you know you have to try and take it to the end zone,” Weiss said. “That just completes the highlight reel.” A possession later, after a failed extra point left the Spoofhounds with a 6-0 lead, Weiss found a huge hole on the left side, and trotted into the end zone for a 13-yard score. The first two drives for the ‘Hounds resulted in zero points, with the line sturrgling to fine its groove. Maryville coach Matt Webb said he knew his lineman would figure it out. “Really, we didn’t say much, and we stayed patient. We kept running what was working, and again, I think we kind of warmed down a bit and ran our base plays — we just blocked it well,” Webb said. “You cannot put enough emphasis on the execution that they learned from practice. For them to focus on a really good opponent and just come and execute and play well, and play physical, our kids did that tonight.” Weiss captured his last touchdown 25 seconds before halftime. With the Spoofhounds leading 20-0, Weiss caught a pitch from junior quarterback Connor Drake and stayed on his feet after a Cameron defender dove

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at his knees. Weiss had green grass ahead, and ran 82 yards to further the Spoofhounds’ lead. “(Weiss) had some long runs. I can’t say enough about how proud I am of our kids for listening to coaching, and having a great week of practice,” Webb said. “This is what happens when you prepare really well. For you to be able to run like that against a quality opponent, that’s a good football team. Connor had a great night.” Two of the remaining three rushing touchdowns came from Maryville senior running back Trey Houchin from 13-yards out. Junior running back Drew Spire finished the night for the Spoofhounds with a 17-yard touchdown with three minutes left in the contest. The Dragons’ lone weapon against the Spoofhounds in both matchups was junior wideout Ty Speer. With six minutes remaining in the game, Speer trucked into the end zone from 6-yards out, and later bullied his way for a 3-yard touchdown with five seconds left. The Spoofhounds’ win makes it 14 straight against the Dragons, and their second win against Cameron in the post season since 2016. The No. 1-seeded Richmond Spartans (8-1) defeated Chillicothe (3-8) in their semifinal matchup by a score of 62-41. The win punches the Spartans’ ticket to the Class 3 District 8 championship game against the Spoofhounds. The game on Nov. 13 will be the first time Maryville is the lower seed in the postseason this year, and will be the first time the Spoofhounds won’t play at home in the district tournament. “We’re the underdogs from here on out, and we should be. Richmond is an excellent football team. Our kids will be ready and we’ll be excited,” Webb said. “We were able last year to not win a district championship for the first time in 10 years. It’s playoff football. This is our mindset and our kids will be ready to go down to Richmond and get a win.”

PARADE CONTINUED FROM A10

“I am the libero — or, I guess I was the libero,” Stolte said after wiping away her stream of tears. “It’s a little hard because everyone is crying right now, but we went out the best way we could. We went as far as MSHSAA would let us and we brought home first place, so I think it’s a good way to say I’m no longer the libero.” Stolte said she and her teammates didn’t shed a tear until they cranked up the sad music

and pulled into the parking lot of Maryville High School for the last time as a team. Despite being sad about departing from her teammates, she was glad to see the town rally in celebration. After winning her first state title in her second year at the helm of the program, coach Miranda Mizera was more than happy to have the spotlight pointed on her team. “I don’t really like the spotlight on myself,” Mizera said with a chuckle. “I mean I love the fun and participating in that, but I really like for the girls to shine the most. They deserve it, and this group of

girls has been working hard in the past couple of years.” Mizera said she was happy her team’s versatility and differing skill levels could push the Spoofhounds to the success it discovered this year. With this championship, Maryville volleyball became the first girls sport to win a state title in school history. Senior outside hitter Ilse Flores walked off the bus in awe of the feat her team achieved. “It means the world to all of us,” Flores said. “It’s really insane that nobody has done this before, and we’re really going to leave our

mark, especially the seniors because it’s our last year and we’re really going to be remembered.” Both Flores and Stolte said they’ve left their mark on the program with this championship and they hope that it sparks a tradition of winning. “I definitely think this is a great team and they’re going to do great things,” Flores said. “I hope they can bring in even more state championships, and I know they can.” “These girls were so incredibly close,” Stolte said. “We made it our goal to sync together to make it here, and it obviously paid off for

us. I think this championship shows these girls after us that anything is definitely possible if you put in the time and the effort.” Maryville volleyball traveled to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, with nothing but determination and returned with a championship trophy to boast. Although the twilight parade was the first, Mizera is praying it isn’t the last. “Obviously, we never know what the future holds,” Mizera said. “I think that God has a plan, and I just hope that’s part of his plan for me.”

STATE CONTINUED FROM A10

“Although it’s super cheesy, I think the season has helped us all realize that mostly anything is possible if you trust yourself and the people around you,” Stolte said. “We never had any doubts in each other and our skills and it paid off

for us.” None of the girls are committed anywhere for collegiate volleyball, but winning a state championship could change the way colleges recruit the Spoofhounds. Sundell is committed to Kansas State for basketball, where she looks to make an impact as a freshman with quality minutes.

Their goal for next season is to have the same mentality as this season and look to repeat their efforts from this season. “Honestly, I’m so proud of this team overall,” Stolte said. “Us 10 girls created a strong bond that carried us all the way to state and gave us plenty of great memories that will last a lifetime.”

FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM A10

The Bearcats, Ichabods and Mules planned to play a trio of scrimmages against each other this fall. The Bearcats’ matchup with the Ichabods was the first of the three. Washburn and Central were supposed to face each other Nov. 14, which Washburn had to cancel. The last to fall was the scrimmage between Northwest and Central. “I mean, it’s football in a fall where nothing really counts,” Peterson said. “In the grand scheme of things, it doesn’t really matter. In the here and now, it hurts.” The programs announced the schedule Oct. 19. Three weeks later, none of the games will happen. “It’s hard to describe the disappointment of not being able to compete this fall,” Northwest coach Rich Wright said in the press release from Athletics. “We really wanted a chance for our group of seniors to get the opportunity to run out of the tunnel to Bearcat Stadium. Our guys put in the time and effort on the practice field with the intention that it would culminate with some competition. Having to tell them it won’t happen is tough. We will put our focus on recruiting and begin preparations for our spring drills.” The Bearcats wanted to play last weekend. The Ichabods did, too.

The Bearcats wanted to play Nov. 21. The Mules did, too. Now, all three programs will be spending the rest of the fall the same way they have since last season — not on a football field. “There’s a sense of excitement around our complex,” Northwest coach Rich Wright said Nov. 2 about the matchup with Washburn. “We’ve been practicing since Sept. 28, so to get to the first week of November and actually have something to look forward to on Saturday, it’s gonna be fun.” The motivation behind trying to have competition this fall, in any capacity, was to at least have an evaluation of where each program stands, Wright said. The Bearcats were supposed to have two opportunities to do that. Now they won’t have any. “I think it’s vitally important,” Wright said Nov. 2 about getting the chance to play another team. “We can try and recreate as much of it as we want to in practice, but game speed is just different. You’re playing against somebody else; it kind of gives you a benchmark of where you’re at as a program and you know what other quality opponents in the league have.” Despite not having that evaluation period, or really much of anything aside from practice until at least the spring, Peterson said he doesn’t think football is that far be-

hind compared to the rest of Division II programs. “Football not even having championships this fall, it would’ve been a big feather in our cap,” Peterson said. “I think there’s — I don’t know how many programs in the nation at the Division II level — 90% percent are not playing at all. So, the idea that we were going to get a couple of games in was good. The fact is, we’re not any further behind than anybody else. It just sucks we had to pull the rug out from underneath our kids again, because that’s the part that’s getting really old.” Peterson said he’s hoping to take the lessons learned from this experiment and apply those to sports that still have a chance at a championship. Northwest basketball’s season starts Nov. 19 against Northeastern State in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The men, arguably the best Division II program in the country, will have the chance at a second national title in four years. Northwest football, after the NCAA canceled fall sport championships, never had that opportunity. After the cancellations of both scrimmages, football won’t have anything at all. “It stinks,” Peterson said. “It’s part of the conundrum that is COVID-19, though. ... This is what’s going to happen.”

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Mallett named to new position for athletics

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Northwest Athletics named Justin Mallett as the athletic diversity and inclusion designee on behalf of the department.

Mallett serves as Northwest’s associate provost for Diversity and Inclusion, where he coordinates the University’s efforts of diversity throughout the campus community. The NCAA made a commitment to enhancing and addressing diversity and inclusion issues within athletics.

It was mandated for every university to have a diversity and inclusion representative.

Mallett is experienced with the diversity and inclusion role, having been in higher education for the past 14 years, eight of those spent in diversity and inclusion roles. In 2017 Mallett was hired at Northwest as diversity and inclusion director. He is determined to make Northwest a more diverse campus

by inviting all departments to take part in the movement of diversifying the community.

“Over the summer, we started a process called listen, align and act,” Mallett said. “We took the time over the summer to listen to students, employees and alumni. Then, we looked at how these actions align with the overall goals of the institution.”

Mallett fears if actions are not set in place, then the whole cycle will repeat itself and the problem of racism, diversity and inclusion will be back at step one.

“Whereas, if we align it with the intuitional goals and the process that are there, then this is something that can be here for the long haul,” Mallett said. “That’s what we want; we want the plans and actions that we’re putting in place, like the mandatory online diversity training for faculty staff members to the creation of the Black student

resource center.”

Mallett aims for consistency; he doesn’t want to leave Northwest without making a change in the community.

He urges that if the community adapts to these small kinds of changes of diversity and inclusion, then when he leaves, he won’t fear that things will go back to where they were.

“We want these things to be something that’s here forever,” Mallett said. “So, when I leave here, or (Northwest President) Dr. Jasinski leaves here, the discussion of issues of race will always happen here at Northwest.”

The struggle of focusing on diversity and inclusion within Northwest and its athletics is a day-to-day battle that Mallett faces — not just for the players, but for the coaches and staff as well.

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Justin Mallett discusses his role as associate diversity and inclusion director Nov. 9 in the Administration Building. Mallett has been the associate provost of diversity and inclusion for a year and a half.



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Maryville boys basketball head coach Ryan Stoecklein gathers the team for the next drill during practice Nov. 3 in the gymnasium.

Maryville boys basketball revamps for new season

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Maryville boys basketball finished its first week of practice with hopes of a successful season, new impact players and offensive and defensive strategies.

The Spoofhounds started their winter training Nov. 2, despite missing a few players due to their state run in football. There are few varsity players on the court as of now, as the football team is eyeing a matchup with Richmond Nov. 13 in the Class 3 District 8 championship.

After coaching 17 years at the freshman level, coach Matt Stoecklein is returning for his seventh season at the helm of the varsity program. This year, he’s planning to implement more intricate offensive and defensive schemes. The team has the advantage of having more size in the post compared to previous years, as well as shooters who can run the floor.

“This is the first year we really have a height advantage on the court,” Stoecklein said. “We will be able to feed the post more and work moves in the post that will help our offense in a positive manner.”

Within the first week of practice, they have implemented this offense to get their bigs used to being strong in the post. The Spoofhounds feel this will allow them to play a more spread out offense, allowing them to dish the ball in and out instead of staying near the perimeter.

Stoecklein feels that being a coach was a positive decision for him because of the passion he has for sports. Stoecklein said that he loves how fast paced basketball is,



and he wants to make a positive impact on his athletes whether it be on or off the court.

“On the basketball court, you definitely need to know yourself and your strengths well,” Stoecklein said. “Knowing what you do well at, and pursuing to get better at your weaknesses, is true on the court and in life.”

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic still being a big factor in high school sports, the Spoofhounds have not had to take away any games from their schedule yet. They have practice and game protocols in place to make sure the athletes are safe, but as of now, they will have their full schedule like they would in years past.

There have been talks in conferences and surrounding areas about canceling a few games against out

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of conference opponents. Also, the Spoofhounds usually play teams from Iowa, where the state has talked about backing out of these games, but there has been no conclusion on that decision.


The Spoofhounds are still tasked with a tough schedule this upcoming season. They feel that adding in games against top teams allows them to be prepared for conference matchups and prepare them for districts. Stoecklein feels this is one of the harder schedules they have had in the past few seasons.

“We are going to play some tough teams like Benton, but I feel we will be prepared from the time we step on the court,” Stoecklein said. “I think we have a chance to win every game in our conference; we will just have to be good at all aspects of the game.”

Despite having a tough start to last season, the ’Hounds were able to finish the year with a winning record and made it to the district championship. The team’s defense got better toward the end of the season, but it is something they need to be solid at this season.


The Spoofhounds will focus on a man defense and mix in a few 2-3 defensive schemes to allow for some room in press situations. The ’Hounds want to be able to start their season with the defense they add toward the end of the season and be better than they were.

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Maryville falls in quarterfinals

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Maryville boys soccer went to battle with Lone Jack Nov. 10 at the 'Hound Pound in the MSHSAA Class 1 quarterfinal match. The game wasn't going to be an easy win from the start Maryville, squaring off with a traditionally tough Lone Jack program.



After taking an early lead, the Mules never looked back, winning 6-0 against the Spoofhounds, ending their season in the quarterfinals. After the game, Maryville coach Chase Tolson was upset but looked at the positive side of things.

"We are happy with the season we had and are proud of all we accomplished. There are several things we could have done better, but mainly we are proud of the effort the guys put in today and over the course of the season," Tolson said. "We are happy to have the playoff experience with such a young roster and expect to be back next year."

With a youthful roster, the Maryville team is always looking for things to learn from. This is something that Tolson is convinced the athletes will learn from and use to excel in the upcoming years.

"I think the biggest thing our players will get out of this game is a good playoff experience," Tolson said. "We started several underclassmen tonight, and to have them get this kind of experience early in their career is a great thing for our program."

The Spoofhounds are young,



Maryville soccer junior James DiStefano (10) handles the ball in Maryville's quarterfinal matchup with the Lone Jack Mules at the 'Hound Pound Nov. 10. Maryville lost the matchup 6-0 after Lone Jack took an early lead.

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and against Lone Jack, they were outmatched by an older and faster team. The Mules started nine seniors, which led to mismatches all night, propelling the Mules to the win.

"Tonight, we played a team who was bigger, faster, stronger and

more experienced," Tolson said. "I think they started nine seniors, and when you compare those guys with our freshmen, there is a massive difference physically and mentally. We need some of our younger guys to grow and gain some strength."

Going into the matchup, the

Spoofhounds had less than a week to prepare for the game. It allowed the Spoofhounds to get a much needed rest, but it wasn't enough to get all players back to full strength. The Mules had the same week to game plan and make adjustments to prepare for the game and came

out strong and healthy. "The extra time was helpful, but we honestly needed a little bit more time," Tolson said.

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-COACH TOLSON

"We had four starters out or playing injured today from our last game. We had a starting defender who had to sit because of a red card in the last game, and we had to fill his place with a freshman who normally plays a different position. Both of our starting strikers and one of our starting midfielders were about 75% from injuries picked up in our last game."

A combination of not being 100% healthy, being undersized and younger than the competition and playing out of position proved to be the reasons Maryville couldn't pull out the win against the Mules, leaving them with nothing to prepare for except next season.

'Hounds prepare for District finale in underdog role

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Maryville football's backfield must've had its own version of "Michael's Secret Stuff" from Space Jam, or at least something similar, as its efforts paved the way to a 41-13 victory for Maryville Nov. 6 against Cameron.



Maryville, the No. 2 seed, will be back on the road for the first time since Oct. 23 to battle No. 1 seed Richmond (8-1) in the Class 3 District 8 tournament championship.

The 'Hounds are looking to avoid another district championship loss, as they fell to the Lathrop in the final seconds of the district championship to end their 2019 campaign. Maryville coach Matt Webb feels little pressure, as his team is used to playing this late in the season.

"We play in it every year; it's not a different game," Webb said about the district championship. "It's not about — once again, it's playoff football. Our kids come

out the other night, and I'm very proud of how we played in Week 1 and Week 2 in the playoffs, and now we get a chance to really earn a district championship."

Earlier in the postseason, Webb said his team needed to play as a higher seed should, but now the Spoofhounds find themselves as the lower seed. Junior quarterback Connor Drake said the team's mentality has changed.

"Being the lower seed, we now have to have the underdog mentality. We are a very confident team right now. Our run game is the best it's been all season, and our defense is playing very well too," Drake said. "We are coming together in all three phases of the game, which makes us a very dangerous team."

Maryville's running game took a gigantic leap forward in the matchup with Cameron. Senior running back Connor Weiss tallied 266 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Senior running back Trey Houchin found the end zone twice, and junior running back Drew Spire scored a touchdown as well.



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Senior running back Trey Houchin (%) rushes the ball for the Spoofhounds in their 41-13 victory over Cameron at the 'Hound Pound Nov. 6. The Spoofhounds will square off against Richmond in the District 8 finale Nov. 13.

The 'Hounds' rushing attack could prove to be beneficial, as Richmond had trouble stopping No. 4 seed Chillicothe's run game Nov. 6. Chillicothe's junior full-back Damarcus Kelow rushed for 231 yards on 27 carries with four touchdowns. Hornet's junior wide-out Tucker Wagners had 81 yards rushing with one touchdown.

"I feel like we're playing playoff football. I'm very pleased where we're at, to be able to rush for over 400 yards against Cameron the other night," Webb said. "It shows that our kids know how to execute. We

got a good offensive line and good backs."

Maryville's offense has shown no signs of slowing in its past five wins. The Spoofhounds have put a total of 217 points on the scoreboard in that span. On the season, Maryville has averaged nearly 35 points a contest.

"Watching film, and seeing how Chillicothe was able to run the ball on Richmond, gives us great confidence in that we'll be able to do the same thing whether it's Kade (Wilmes), Trey, Connor, or Caden (Stoecklein)," Drake said. "We

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know that if the line keeps blocking great, the backs will hit the holes and make great plays. Our identity on offense is that we are going to run the ball until our opponents stop us."

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Spoofhounds take third at state meet

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Maryville cross country etched its name in school history with a third place finish at the MSHSAA Class 3 Cross Country State Championships Nov. 5 in Columbia, Missouri.



Emotions were at an all-time high for coach Rodney Bade as he earned the state trophy he's eyed since his first year with the Spoofhounds.

"It's kind of amazing," Bade said. "It feels great. When I started coaching this program six, seven years ago, it was one of the dreams, I guess you could say. You kind of look and say, 'How do we get a team trophy?' We trained right, and it kind of seemed like everything just fell together this year."

Weeks prior to the state champi-

onships, senior Garrett Dumke said he thought he was part of the best cross country team to ever come through Maryville High School. The 'Hounds strengthened his case by finishing higher than any Maryville team to qualify for state and scoring the least amount of points recorded at a state meet.

Dumke led the charge with an eighth place finish in the 5,000-meter race with a time of 16 minutes, 26 seconds and 40 milliseconds. Despite falling short of the school record that Dumke chased the whole season, he was glad to even be able to compete.

"Coming in, I was ranked eighth, so being able to place eighth was pretty accomplishing," Dumke said.

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Football left with nothing until 2021

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Northwest football was two days away from its first competition of 2020, a scrimmage in Topeka, Kansas, against Washburn on Nov. 7 when 15 positive COVID-19 test results among the Icha-bods' program effectively canceled the matchup.

Those 15 cases resulted in nearly 40 Washburn players having to quarantine, a source told the Northwest Missourian. Washburn Athletics announced Nov. 5 the positive results affected too many players to be able to field a team against the Bearcats.

"We are disappointed for our fans who were looking forward to seeing us and Northwest Missouri play this weekend," Washburn Athletic Director Loren Ferré said in the release. "However, with the numbers of players who will now be in quarantine, and for the safety of the Northwest players and coaching staff as well as Cen-



tral Missouri's program next week, we will not be able to field a complete team. We will look forward to playing this spring when our football program returns to the field."

After Ferré announced the Icha-bods had to cancel, Northwest Director of Athletics Andy Peterson said that he would've made the same decision if put in a similar situation.

Four days later, he had to. "It hurts because it's not an easy decision," Peterson said.

Northwest Athletics released a statement Nov. 9 announcing the Bearcats were canceling their scrimmage with Central Missouri, which was scheduled for Nov. 21 in Bearcat Stadium.

The matchup with the Mules was the last chance for competition this fall for Northwest, or at least that's scheduled. There aren't any plans to announce makeup dates for either matchup.



A file photo of Northwest's game against Missouri Western Sept. 5, 2019, when the Bearcats beat the Griffons 45-35. The team was set to scrimmage Washburn Nov. 7 in Topeka, Kansas, and Central Missouri Nov. 21 in Bearcat Stadium, but had to cancel both scrimmages due to COVID-19 outbreaks.

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Maryville volleyball sits around coach Miranda Mizera during practice Oct. 16. The Spoofhounds won the volleyball state championship Nov. 6 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, finishing the season with a 21-2 season record. The win for volleyball marked the first female state championship in Maryville High School history.

HISTORIC 'HOUNDS

Volleyball wins first girls title in school history

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Maryville volleyball took its family mentality into the Class 3 state tournament and returned to Maryville with the first female state championship in Maryville High School history.

The Spoofhounds defeated Hermann in the Final Four 3-1 and defeated Central (Park Hills) in the state title game 3-0. Led by second-year coach Miranda Mizera, it's the first time the program found itself at the summit of Missouri high school volleyball.

As the team reflects on the season, the Spoofhounds feel this team had something special compared to teams prior, and they proved that to be true. It was perhaps due to the fact it was a senior-heavy team with seven seniors leading the way.

"The girls know how to lead, and the team is supportive of each

other and is what has made us successful," Mizera said.

The Spoofhounds finished their season with a record of 21-2. The two losses they faced were from teams out of their class and district. They posted an undefeated mark in the MEC.

Senior setter Macy Loe tallied a career assist record for Maryville, and senior outside hitter Serena Sundell reached 1,000 career kills halfway through the season.

"I've never seen a team with the chemistry we had," Loe said. "There was no drama and no problem with any of the girls, which is rare for teenage girls, which makes us all forever grateful for this team and ending the season on a great note is something we will all remember."

The Spoofhounds credit their success to the leadership and guidance set in place by Mizera. The team feels she has taught them great things on the court and things for life past high school.

"I've learned so many things in volleyball that will translate off the court, and I credit it all to coach Mizera," Loe said. "She was the biggest role model for the team and taught us to always keep an open mind, be ready for anything to be thrown our way and to know how to handle it the right way."

Sports have always been around to bring guidance to athletes in life, and that's been exemplified on the team this season. Senior libero Klarysa Stolte, the leader on the defensive side of the net, feels this team never had a doubt it would win state.

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The MSHSAA Class 3 volleyball state champions paraded down Main Street Nov. 6. The Spoofhounds capped off their season with a 3-0 sweep over Central (Park Hills) Nov. 6 in Cape Girardeau.

Parade awaited return of new state champs

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The streets of downtown Maryville brimmed with energy the night of Nov. 6 as its citizens gathered to welcome home the 2020 MSHSAA Class 3 volleyball state champions. Between the screams of excited parents and the sirens of the 97.1 The 'Ville truck, it was impossible to perceive anything besides Spoofhound pride.

Maryville volleyball capped off its 21-2 season with a 3-0 sweep over Central (Park Hills). However, when the ball hit the ground op-



posite of the Spoofhounds' side of the net, it came as a shock to senior libero Klarysa Stolte.

"It didn't feel real; it didn't set in for me for a while," Stolte said. "We never realized that we had made it to state and swept the team in the championship. I don't even think it's set in with me yet, but it was a really good feeling."

Emotions were at an all-time high for the 'Hounds, as many of those who suited up for the championship match won't suit up again in a Maryville uniform.

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